

**DETERMINATION THAT A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS**

As a consequence of Hurricane Katrina and the evacuation of residents of certain affected areas to the State of Texas, on this date and after consultation with public health officials as necessary, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, do hereby determine that a public health emergency exists and has existed since September 4, 2005 in the State of Texas.

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Date

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Michael O. Leavitt  
Secretary